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18 MAY 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Foreign Divorce Decree

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to bring certain information to your attention which relates to the fact that you were a party to the dissolution in Mexico of a former marriage.
2. Recently, the Office of General Counsel completed a study of the validity of a Mexican divorce decree and potential problems arising from such a divorce for the Agency employees concerned and the Agency. A summary of OGC's study is attached.
3. You will note from the attachment that the employee whose remarriage follows a Mexican divorce may be confronted with serious problems affecting eligibility for payment of various government benefits such as reimbursement of hospitalization expenses, survivorship benefits and certain types of overseas allowances. My purpose in writing to you, therefore, is to be sure you are made aware of and understand the seriousness of the problems which would arise in the event of a challenge to the validity of the Mexican divorce and, consequently, to the validity of the subsequent remarriage. This challenge could arise at any time and from a number of sources.
4. The Agency has another interest stemming from Mexican divorces and this is one of security, depending upon the employee's specific employment. In the event such a divorce is challenged, subsequent litigation and attendant publicity become quite probable. It is, of course, in the Agency's best interest that this sort of activity be avoided where possible.
5. Recognizing that there are various types of Mexican divorce, and also that the various states in the United States have decided cases in different ways depending on the type of Mexican divorce involved and its own case law, you may wish to discuss your personal situation with your attorney or a representative of the Agency's Office of General Counsel. We recognize that as of now you have not remarried. In the event you do remarry, the Agency's position with respect to your situation at that time will be that it assumes the validity of that marriage, unless the earlier Mexican divorce

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action and your marriage are challenged. Should that challenge ever occur, it may be necessary for the Agency to determine that your eligibility for benefits based on your remarriage must be suspended until such time as the challenge is litigated or otherwise resolved. Special note should be taken of the fact that such a challenge might arise after your death, possibly resulting in the distribution of insurance proceeds and other death benefits to other than your immediate family as constituted at your death and contrary to your own intentions and wishes.

6. Please advise me of your plans and any actions taken in connection with the above. If you have any questions on the substance of this memorandum or its purpose, please do not hesitate to let me know.

/s/ Robert S. Wattles

Robert S. Wattles
Director of Personnel

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Foreign Divorce Decrees, Agency Employees - Staff or Contract

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Howard J. Osborn
Director of Security 4 E 60

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TO: _____

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY—

☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

OF (Organization) _____

☐ PLEASE CALL →

PHONE NO.
CODE/EXT. _____

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN

☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL

☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

*Deputy Director
Office Director
Individual*

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OGC:RLB:sab (1 May 70)

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Attachment

Let's set up a file on
Mexican Divisions —

Hall the memo —

As we send the advisory
memo (Pen now drafting)
to them we can record
the fact — I'm not
sure this should be in the
OPF —

Meanwhile the OPFs
can be returned to ~~file~~
file room

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1-D/Pac Subj Sec

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